

What is claimed is:

1. A method for controlling replacement of plural terminal equipment in a building management system, connected to plural points to be managed in a building, comprising the steps of:  
5        tabulating a connecting status showing which existing terminal equipment or new terminal equipment is used in each point to be managed and correspondence between hard addresses of the existing terminal equipment and new terminal equipment,  
10        and  
         switching hard addresses corresponding to the points to be managed from the tabled connecting status of the terminal equipment and the correspondence between the hard addresses of the existing terminal equipment and the new terminal  
15        equipment.
2. The method according to claim 1,  
         wherein the step of tabulating includes the steps of tabulating connecting status of the terminal equipment to be  
20        managed in each terminal equipment, specifying which existing or new terminal equipment is used in each terminal equipment and generating connecting status of the terminal equipment  
         according to the specification.
- 25    3. The method according to claim 1,  
         wherein the connecting status of the terminal equipment is expressed by a flag to be set when the connecting status

is tabulated.

4. The method according to claim 2,

wherein the connecting status of the terminal equipment  
5 is expressed by a flag to be set when the connecting status  
is tabulated.

5. The method according to claim 3,

wherein in the step of switching the hard addresses when  
10 the existing terminal equipment is switched to the new terminal  
equipment according to a judgement of the connecting status  
of the terminal equipment when switching the hard address  
corresponding to the point to be managed, the point to be managed  
is only monitored and controlled, of which mode is changed to  
15 a TEST mode where the point can not be monitored and controlled  
by application processes.

6. The method according to claim 5,

wherein the TEST mode is transited to a normal operation  
20 mode by a manual operation

7. A system for controlling a replacement of terminal  
equipment connected to plural points to be managed in a building,  
comprising:

25 a center device having a table for a connecting status  
showing which existing terminal equipment or new terminal  
equipment is used in each point to be managed and correspondence

between hard addresses of the existing terminal equipment and the new terminal equipment, which are corresponding to the points to be managed, and

existing terminal equipment or a new terminal equipment,  
5 which is connected to the center device,

wherein the hard address corresponding to the point to be managed is switched according to the connecting status of the terminal equipment and the correspondence between hard addresses of the existing terminal equipment and the new  
10 terminal equipment obtained from the table of the center device, and a connection from the existing terminal equipment or the new terminal equipment to the center device is controlled.

8. The method according to claim 7,  
15 wherein the center device includes a human-machine interface section and a processor, to which the existing or new terminal equipment is connected,

the human-machine interface section includes a table for managing the connecting status of terminal equipment in each  
20 terminal equipment and specifies a status which the existing terminal equipment or the new terminal equipment is used in each terminal equipment, and

the processor generates the connecting status of terminal equipment in each management point according to the  
25 specification.

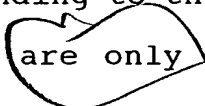
9. The system according to claim 7,

wherein the connecting status of the terminal equipment is expressed by flags to be set when the connecting status is tabulated.

5 10. The system according to claim 8,

wherein the connecting status of the terminal equipment is expressed by flags to be set when the connecting status is tabulated.

10 11. The system according to claim 9,

wherein when the processor switches the existing terminal equipment to the new terminal equipment according to a judgement of the connecting status of the terminal equipment when switching the hard address corresponding to the points to be managed, the points to be managed  are only monitored and controlled, of which mode is changed to a TEST mode where the points can not be monitored and controlled by application processes.

20 12. The system according to claim 11,

wherein the TEST mode to a normal operation mode is executed by a manual operation.